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Flota Mercante Grancolombiana

1. The Flota Mercante Grancolombiana, S. A. has a main office at Carrera 8, Bogota, Colombia. Under its registry are thirteen ships which sail under Colombian, Ecuadorian, and Venezuelan flags:

(See TAB A for data) 1/

2. Available information does not indicate significant Communist activity or the presence of Communist couriers aboard F.M.G. ships or within its management at the present time. 2/

3. Although some small-scale smuggling of arms by seamen aboard F.M.G. vessels has been reported, there are no indications that this smuggling is an organized subversive effort other than attempts of individual seamen to augment their salaries. 2/

4. Information showing a breakdown by nationality of seamen and officers and names of masters was not available from sources consulted.

5. Ships of the F.M.G. call at most ports of Venezuela, Ecuador, and Colombia, some ports in the West Indies, and US ports on the Atlantic seaboard and Gulf of Mexico. At most ports F.M.G. ships seldom stay more than two or three days. Main ports of call are: Bahia de Caraquez, Baltimore, Barranquilla, Buenaventura, Cartagena, Charleston, Curacao, Galveston, Guayaquil, Houston, La Guaira, Maracaibo, New Orleans, New York, Puerto Cabello, Puerto La Cruz, Santa Marta. 2/

6. Specific information on the ports where seamen are most frequently recruited and where they are paid is not available. In general, however, merchant crews are recruited at the port of registry (or home port) of a ship, and are paid at the end of the voyage at whatever port the ship's cargo terminates. Such port is determined by the ship's owner. 2/

Sources:

1/ Lloyd's Confidential Index, Foreign
December 1, 1951. Lloyd's. London, England, p. 186

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<u>Under Colombian Flag</u>	<u>US 1945</u> <u>(1947)</u>	<u>3805</u>	<u>2123</u>	<u>Area of Activity</u>	<u>Former Name</u>
Ciudad de Bogota oil eng.	US 1945 (1947)	3805	2123	US, WI, Pacific	ex Crossing Hitch
Republica de Colombia oil eng.	US 1945 (1947)	3805	2123	Cont., US, WI, Pacific	ex Mainsheet Eye Agroand 2 July 51 Refloated 9 July
Rio Magdalena oil eng.	US 1945-47 (1947)	3805	2123	US, WI, Pacific	ex Yard Hitch
Ciudad de Manisales oil eng.	Canada 1949	3946	2102	US, WI	
Ciudad de Medellin oil eng.	UK 1951	4219	2352	UK, Cont., US, WI, Pacific	
<u>Under Ecuadorian Flag</u>					
Republica del Ecuador oil eng.	US 1945 (1947)	3805	2123	Cont., BNA, US, WI, Pacific	ex Jacob's Ladder
Rio Guayas oil eng.	US 1945 (1947)	3805	2123	US, WI, Pacific	ex Double Loop
Ciudad de Quito	Canada 1949	3947	2106	BNA, US, Pacific	
<u>Under Venezuelan Flag</u>					
Ciudad de Caracas oil eng.	US 1945 (1947)	3805	2160	US, WI, Pacific	ex Double Loop
Republica de Venezuela oil eng.	US 1945 (1947)	3805	2123	Cont., US, WI, Pacific	ex Magnus Hitch

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TABLE FOR GROSS TONNAGE REPRESENTING NO. 12

TABLE OF TONNAGE, 1945-1951

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<u>Under Venezuelan Flag</u> (Continued)	<u>Built</u>	<u>Gross Tonnage</u>	<u>Net Tonnage</u>	<u>Area of Activity</u>	<u>Former Name</u>
Rio Orinoco oil eng.	US 1945-47 (1947)	3605	2123	US, WI, Pacific	ex Ocean Flat
Ciudad de Maracaibo oil eng.	Canada 1949	3947	2101	US, WI	
Ciudad de Barquisimeto oil eng.	UK 1951	4220	2350	Completed Oct.	

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